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SUBJECT: FOOD AID TO NIGER-1975

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1. IN MEETING WITH ACTING RDO AND FFPO, OPVN CONSEILLER
TECHNIQUE JOMNI REPORTED FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE
FOOD GRAINS TO GON IN 1975:

DONOR	COMMODITY	MT
EEC	SORGHUM	10,000
CHINA	RICE	5,000
CANADA	SORGHUM	3,000
SWEDEN	WHEAT	3,000
USSR	RICE	2,500
	TOTAL	23,500

2. INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED QUANTITY OF SORGHUM (20,954MT)
AND SORGHUM GRTIS (2,500MT) FROM U. S. UNDER TA-5619, TOTAL
DONATED FOOD GRAINS ALREADY PLEDGED GON FOR REMAINDER 1975 IS
46,954 MT. JOMNI ALSO SAID COMMITMENTS PROVIDE NFDI MADE BY
EEC-1500MT, AND CANADA-350MT.

3. JOMNI ALSO MENTIONED THAT EEC HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS PROVIDE
14,000 MT WHEAT BUT HAD LATER CANCELLED DECISION FOR REASONS
UNKNOWN TO HIME.

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4. JOMNI SAID TOTAL OF APPROX 47,000 MT ALREADY PLEDGED WAS

ABOUT 20,000 MT LESS THAN GON'S ANTICIPATED NEEDS FOR CEREAL TO COVER SOUDURE REQUIREMENTS ENDING WITH SEP/OCT1975 HARVEST. GON WOULD PREFERRECEIVING 10,000MT SORGHUM AND 10,000MT CORN TO COVER PROJECTED SHORTFALL. JOMNI DID NOT KNOW IF FORMAL REQUEST TO USG FOR 20,000MT WAS FORTHCOMING. ADO ATTEMPTING RECONCILE JOMNI'S FIGURE OF 47,000 TONS IN PIPELINE WITH EARLIER MDM FIGRE OF 69,200. UNFORTUNATELY MDM TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT NOT COMPLETED BY TIME TEAM LEFT NIAMEY AND NO ONE IN NEAMEY HAS YET RECEIVED COPY WHICH COULD DETAIL DONORS AND AMOUNTS.

5. WITH ABOUT ONE WEEK REMAINING IN CURRENT PURCHASING CAMPAIGN, OPVN HAS TO DATE BOUGHT 37,000MT MILLET AND SORGHUM FROM FARMERS FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM. OPVN EXPECTS TO REACH AND EVEN SLIGHTLY EXCEED TARTET OF 40,000MT BY CLOSE OF CAMPAIGN JANUARY 31. OPVN ALSO PURCHASED 15,000MT NIEBE

(COWPEAS) FOR EXPORT SALES LARGELY TO NIGERIA. IN ADDITION TO 489 MILLION CFA IN STABILIZATION ACCOUNT, OPVN USED APPROX 300,000,000 CFA FROM 1974 EMERGENCY PROGRAM COUNTERPART FUND

TO HELP FINANCE PURCHASES OF MILLET AND SORGHUM.

6. PER REF A PARA 1(A), OF APPROX 8,000MT U.S. SORGHUM STORED FMN FACILITIES APAPA, OPVN READY RECEIVE ANY AMOUNT UP TO AND INCLUDING ENTIRE 8,000MT. AID/W WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER URGENCY NEED EAST AFRICA AND EXPERIENCE WITH DENNIS B SHIPMENT OUTWEIGH PROBLEMS INVOLVED SECOND TRANS-SHIPMENT 5,000MT OUTLINED REF B. TRANS-SHIPMENT 5,000MT APAPA TO EAST AFRICA WILL NOT ENDANGER FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION NIGER. HOWEVER IF DECISION TAKEN TO PROCEED WITH TRANS-SHIPMENT REQUEST YOU MAKE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING 5,000MT REPAYMENT FOR NIGER TO ARRIVE 3,000MT COTONOU AND 2,000 MT APAPA IN MARCH PER OPVN REQUEST.HECK

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